

# CONNER LEADS BY OVER 200

Ex-Sheriff Elected as County Judge Over Will Cummings.

## PRIMARY CONTESTS CLOSE

Rye-Shields and Peay-Roberts May Take Official Count to Determine Leaders in County.

The election throughout Tennessee on Thursday brought forth a number of surprises, and in many instances it will probably take the official count to definitely settle the contests. Unofficial returns show that the race in this county between Senator Shields and Gov. Rye is so close that the official count will be necessary to determine who is in the lead. Figures compiled by The News, with five precincts out, give Shields a lead of 103 votes. While friends of Judge A. H. Roberts and Austin Peay, candidates for governor, are each claiming that Hamilton county will go in their columns. It is claimed, however, that Peay has carried Hamilton county by 100. In the county judge's race County Judge Will Cummings was defeated by ex-Sheriff Sam A. Conner, the most bitterly fought contests ever waged in this county. Conner's lead is estimated at 255. It was noon Friday before Conner's majority was definitely computed. Judge Will Cummings came to his office early Friday, and was in his usual good spirits and readily admitted his defeat. "Well boys," he said, "they beat us, but I am proud to look back and see the intense loyalty of my friends who so devotedly stuck to me." Judge Cummings then called Mr. Conner and congratulated him on his election. He later stated that there is anything in the world he can do or any assistance he can tender Mr. Conner he will gladly do so.

Some one in the county judge's office stated that he had heard of a few things done about the voting places that were not according to Hoyle, but Judge Cummings said, "No, boys, I am not that kind. They have beat me and I concede their election without a protest, and certainly without a contest."

There was a great deal of criticism about the courthouse and streets Friday regarding certain democratic candidates who were elected without opposition. It was claimed that some of the unopposed democrats realizing they were without opposition failed to tender to the opposed candidates the support they should have.

## Loss Ballot Box

Another rumor about the courthouse was that the ballot box from the eighth ward had not been located. It was understood that McKinley Hays, a member of the election commission, last night or early Friday morning went to the voting place and was informed the ballot box was at Wiley Patterson's place. Mr. Hays then went to Patterson's place but was refused the box. However, he together with J. R. P. Lowery, who is also a member of the election commission, went to the place some time Friday but it was not known whether the box was then turned over to them or not. Both friends of Cummings and Conner's doors last night and guarded the ballot boxes to see they were not tampered with.

## Base Springs Surprise

The real surprise of the day came with the narrow escape of Robert P. Bass, candidate for sheriff. Early in the day it was known that the democratic candidate was receiving the race of his life from W. G. Sears, independent candidate. It was understood that this was caused by the fact that Ed Bass, brother of the candidate for sheriff, was supporting Sam Conner, together with the fact that the people have not yet forgotten the Tinker deal. However, Friday morning returns show that Bass will win by a majority of approximately 57.

## Springfield Wins Easily

Willard Springfield proved an easy winner over Tom Rogers for register, and his majority may run between 600 to 700. This, however, is thought to have been caused by the majority Conner received together with the fact that Mr. Springfield has a large number of democratic supporters in this county. Mance Sherrill, democratic candidate for county clerk, won by a safe majority over Ansel Gadd, republican candidate. Mr. Gadd was at republican headquarters early and conceded his defeat. Mr. Sherrill will win by about 400 or 500 votes.

## Justices Raced

Despite the fact that the interest in the election was centered about the county judge's race, the election of justices proved interesting and only a few votes separated some of the winners from the losers. In the first district the returns show that the winners are Frank Wells, who lead the ticket by a

# NEW COUNTY JUDGE



Sam A. Conner.

Sam A. Conner, who was elected county judge over Judge Will Cummings on Thursday, secured another victory over a staunch democrat. This is the third time Sam Conner has been honored by the voters with a lucrative office. He served three terms as sheriff, defeating in his first race for this office Capt. J. F. Ship, a Confederate veteran and old-time democrat.

While Mr. Conner was not holding office, he was engaged in the insurance business. He is a man of reputed wealth and personally one of the most companionable of men. His popularity is shown by the large number of democrats who espoused his cause and assisted in this election to the office of county judge. He is a man of undoubted business ability. This is shown by his success in his private affairs, as well as his management of the office of sheriff and as head of the Chattanooga district fair, which position he has held since the organization of the fair.

good majority, with H. B. Caulkins second, and H. F. Lawrence third by a narrow margin over Fred M. Dearing. It may take the official count to decide whether Squire Lawrence has won at all over Dearing. The race for the county court as representative from the city went to Squire J. J. Bork by a narrow majority over W. S. Weatherford and Jesse Owen. In the second district the returns show that Squire J. B. Rason and Squire Horace Humphreys have been returned to the court. Squire W. M. Parks, from present indications, has been defeated by a narrow margin. In the third district, W. F. Crowe proved an easy winner, with Walter Hampton for the second place. W. P. Hays ran third by only twenty-four votes. Ben Bush ran a poor fourth.

## Constables

Charley Baker and George Kirklin were elected constables from the first district without opposition. Frank Hendrix was an easy winner over Wallace Sims, colored, while John T. Smith defeated Frank Connor in the third district.

## Vote in the Tenth

The vote between Robert P. Bass and W. G. Sears in the Tenth ward was the topic of considerable conversation about the streets Friday. The vote showed that the sheriff's race, Bass received 225 and Sears only 9. The vote was commented on for the reason that no other ward or precinct gave anything like this majority to any of the other candidates, running. However, the fact that the ward is the home of Bass is given as a reason to account for the difference in vote. The ward was also, before the election, reported to be a Cummings ward for the reason that Bob Bass was helping Judge Cummings all he could and supporting him. However, "Bob" succeeded in getting a larger majority for himself than for the county judge, Judge Cummings lost his ward by forty-one votes.

## EACH HAD BULLET IN RIGHT TEMPLE

Married Man and Young Woman Found Dead at Greenfield, Mass.

Greenfield, Mass., Aug. 2.—Clifford C. Wright, a young married man of this town was found shot dead sitting at the wheel of an automobile on the Sunderland bridge over the Connecticut river today, with Miss Hazel Tanner, of Turner's Falls, shot to death on the floor of the bridge beside the car.

Each had a bullet wound in the right temple.

Murder and suicide or double suicide is believed by the police and medical examiner G. P. Pritchell, to be back of the dual tragedy.

A revolver with three loaded and two empty shells was found on the floor of the car.

Close by the revolver was a folded handkerchief pierced with bullet holes. The handkerchief had evidently been held to the temple of either the man or the girl and a shot fired through it.

A note was found in the bosom of Miss Tanner's dress. It was addressed to her sister, Miss Grace Tanner, Turner's Falls. It said that Hazel Tanner and Wright had started on their automobile trip last Sunday going to Hartford and New Haven and to New York city.

Grace Tanner said that Wright had been attentive to her sister and that Hazel supposed he was a single man. Wright was 22 years old and had been married but a short time.

Miss Tanner was 24 years old.

## EXCEPTIONAL PROGRAM IN K. C. TENT AT PARK

Last night, at the Knights of Columbus tent in the detention battalion of Camp Greenleaf, there was staged one of the most enjoyable entertainments yet presented by the Knights of Columbus in the camp. Misses Hattie Pawkes, Susie B. Keefe, Mary Mahoney and Mary Fletcher entertained with songs and music.

Private Edwin Mandolin, soldier, was very pleasing, as was the singing of K. of C. Secretary James Conley. The rest of the entertainment was staged by the men of the audience, and consisted of songs and numerous "antics." The "Oklahoma Beattie," just out of the barber shop with the regulation haircut, sang "Mr. Zip, Zip, Zip," to the delight of the other "shave-pates" in the audience.

The Knights of Columbus work in the camp is now in full swing, and entertainments, boxing matches and moving picture shows keep the men busy after hours of work are over.

Two more moving picture machines are to be installed, as also will be two open air boxing rings. Just now baseball seems to be the main attraction.

# WINNERS TODAY.

Successful Candidates in Thursday's State and County Elections.

United States Senator, JOHN K. SHIELDS, Governor, A. H. ROBERTS, Supreme Court, NATHAN L. BACHMAN, GRANTON GREEN, D. L. LANSBEN, COLLEEN P. MCKINNEY, FRANK P. HALL, Court of Civil Appeals, R. H. SANBORN, W. W. PAW, S. F. WILSON, SID R. CLARK, W. A. OWEN, Judge of Chancery Court, W. R. GARVIN, Judge of Circuit Court, OSCAR YARNELL, Judge of Criminal Court, S. D. M'RYNOLD, Attorney-General, GEORGE W. CHAMBERLAIN, State Senator, ED WATKINS, Lower House, A. L. EMERSON, J. C. MARTIN, J. D. MILLER, County Judge, SAM A. CONNER, County Court Clerk, CHARLES E. WATKINS, Circuit Court Clerk, G. MANCE SHERRILL, Criminal Court Clerk, TIM SELMAN, County Trustee, JOE W. CLIFT, Register, WILLARD J. SPRINGFIELD, Sheriff, ROBERT P. BASS, Justices Peace—First District, FRANK WELLS, H. B. CAULKINS, H. F. LAWRENCE, Justice Peace—City of Chattanooga, J. J. BORK, Justices of Peace—Second District, J. R. TRIGON, HORACE HUMPHREYS, Justices of Peace—Third District, W. H. CROWE, WALTER HAMPTON, Constables—First District, CHARLEY BAKER, GEORGE KIRKLIN, Constables—Second District, FRANK HENDRIX, Constable—Third District, JOHN T. SMITH.

# SHIELDS' MAJORITY SHOWS BIG SLUMP

Has Carried County by Very Few Votes, if Any—Nomination Secured.

At 2:30 o'clock this afternoon estimates on the senatorial primary were very conflicting. The Shields managers continue to give out claims that their candidate has won by 12,500, but they give few figures. It is said that the senator has carried Shelby by 3,500; Davidson, by 2,500; Knox, by 2,500 also. His majority in Hamilton has slumped off until at his headquarters here they were only claiming 175. W. H. Frazer, Rye manager, says that Shields has carried this county by 100, and he has just had a telephone message from Fred R. Fryer, in Nashville, who says that Rye has won the nomination. The indications, however, are that Shields has won, but by a smaller majority than claimed.

The race in Hamilton county for governor seems to be slightly in favor of Judge A. H. Roberts, whose local management is claiming the county for him by 235 majority. W. F. McLaughlin, local manager for Austin Peay, is claiming the county for Mr. Peay by about 200 votes.

Roberts' headquarters in Nashville claim his nomination by 10,000.

# SECRETARY NAVY COMMENDS THREE AMERICAN SAILORS

Washington, Aug. 2.—Three American sailors have been commended for bravery and presence of mind by Secretary Daniels, it was announced today.

Chief Boatswain's Mate Seelmer Bailey, Union City, Mich., and his crew remained at their post aboard the sinking Argonaut, June 5, after they had been torpedoed, waiting for the submarine to come up so that they could get a shot at her before going down. They stuck for forty minutes, J. E. Dowry, Fall City, Neb., jumped overboard at San Francisco and rescued a Japanese woman from drowning. J. Valdez, San Bernardino, Cal., jumped overboard and rescued a shipmate from drowning.

# NEW YORK POLICEMAN, 77, RETIRED ON BIG PENSION

New York, Aug. 2.—Known to every police chief in the United States, Henry Burden, 77, for more than thirty years a policeman, was granted retirement and a pension of \$750 a year today by Commissioner Enright. For the last thirty years Burden has been keeper of the prison at police headquarters, and during that time only one prisoner escaped from his clutches. He had kept thousands of notorious criminals during his time.

# FIVE COUNTS ARE FILED AGAINST W. U. TEL. CO.

Denver, Aug. 2.—Five counts charging the Western Union Telegraph company with violating the antitrust law of Colorado have been filed in the criminal court here today. These counts charge the Western Union with dismissing employees for union affiliations.

# ATHLETIC MATERIALS ARE SECURED FOR TRAINING CAMPS

Washington, Aug. 2.—Athletic material sufficient to supply 1,750 companies, or 125 regiments, and costing \$250,000, has been secured by the commission on training camp activities. It was announced today. The material includes football, soccer balls, medicine balls, basketballs, bats, gloves and tennis racquets and tennis balls.

# PRESIDENT KONEKAMP ASKED TO ORDER STRIKE

Atlanta, Aug. 2.—Indignant over the discharge of union telegraphers in Atlanta and other southern cities since government operation of the wire systems went into effect, the Atlanta district council of the Commercial Telegraphers' union today adopted by unanimous vote a resolution urging S. J. Konekamp, international president of the union, to issue a strike order, to be effective next Tuesday morning, unless the locked-out telegraphers are immediately reinstated.

Copies of the strike order were wired to Secretary of Labor Wilson and Wire Director Lewis.

# ADmits DEFEAT ON FACE OF RETURNS

Congressman R. W. Austin Gave Out Statement Late Thursday Night.

While Congressman R. W. Austin did not admit his defeat on the face of returns in so many direct words, he practically admitted that the returns showed a majority for his opponent in the republican primary for the congressional nomination in the Second district in a statement given, says the Journal and Tribune.

Some parts of Mr. Austin's statement doubtless will be explained by a more full statement late, as indicated in his statement. Mr. Austin said:

"I do not wish to make a statement tonight in reference to my future plans. However, I do not hesitate to say there was too much 'bottle' and too many slacks."

"I would a thousand times rather be defeated in supporting necessary legislation to win the war than to be a congressional slacker in order to secure a majority in a primary election. Loyalty to our country comes first with me."

"I would scorn a seat in congress, given to me by those who are not in full accord with the patriotic and loyal people who believe in backing up the American congress in a vigorous and thorough prosecution of the war."

"My stand in congress in favor of the selective draft has been successfully used against me with the thinking and those not in full sympathy with the plans and war legislation recommended by the commander-in-chief."

"The question of fighting out this issue and proving to the world that the majority of the people of this great district are loyal to our government will be determined in due time. I believe in a war congress, no question of a military slacker or a critic of the selective draft, which was absolutely essential to the winning of the war."

"I cannot find words to express my thanks and gratitude for the support given me by my friends throughout the district."

# LATEST ESTIMATES FROM STATE HEADQUARTERS

Only Meager Returns on Congressional Races—Shields Still Claims Lead.

(Special to The News.) Nashville, Aug. 2.—In the democratic primaries held Thursday in Tennessee for United States senator and for governor, both John K. Shields, incumbent, and Judge A. H. Roberts, have good leads in the respective races. Indications are that Shields will be renominated over Gov. Tom C. Rye by a majority of 12,500 to 15,000 votes, while the indications are that Roberts has defeated Austin Peay by a plurality of 8,000 to 10,000. Ewing L. Davis is the democratic nominee for congress to succeed Judge W. C. Houston in the fifth district. He claims a majority over his opponent, James J. Bean, of 7,000. Judge S. J. Everett, opponent of Congressman R. Thetus W. Sims in the eighth district, has conceded the latter's renomination.

East Tennessee reports that J. Will Taylor has defeated Congressman R. W. Austin in the second district. Only meager returns on the congressional race in the fifth district, where Dan Harmon and Congressman Sam R. Sells were contestants, have reached here. Sells leads in the counties heard from. The vote in the primary was something over 10,000, according to early indications, and below a normal vote.

# SURRENDERS HIMSELF ON OLD MURDER CHARGE

Will Hobbs, Colored, Admits That He Killed Bob Nichols Five Years Ago.

William Hobbs, a negro laborer, who was charged several years ago with the murder of Bob Nichols, a white man, has surrendered himself to the authorities. Nothing had been heard from him since that time until this morning when he appeared at the office of his attorney, W. A. Schofield, and announced that he had come to give himself up. Mr. Schofield accompanied him to the police station, where the charge of murder was entered against him. He insisted on the sum of \$1,000 for his appearance. Mr. Schofield could not be reached today when it was desired to get an explanation of the case from him.

# BAKER AND CHAMBERLAIN CONFER ON WAR PROGRAM

Washington, Aug. 2.—Chairman Chamberlain, of the senate military committee, was expected to return to Washington today and tomorrow to confer with Secretary Baker regarding hearings on the new war program.

Members of the senate committee here said the bill undoubtedly would be expedited and if possible made ready for consideration by congress when active session begins again this month.

If the administration measure is not complicated by extensive new legislation, senate committee members said its passage probably would be accomplished speedily because of the general sentiment in favor of extending the draft ages.

# MONTEVERDE ELECTED MAYOR OF MEMPHIS

Memphis, Aug. 2.—Returns from yesterday's city and county election in Memphis and Shelby county, while still incomplete today, indicate the election by substantial majorities of Frank L. Monteverde as mayor, O. H. Perry, sheriff, and almost the entire ticket supported by the faction of which E. H. Crump, former mayor, is one of the leaders. Crump was re-elected county trustee. United States Senator John K. Shields was leading in the democratic primary contest for the senatorial nomination, and Judge A. H. Roberts for the nomination for governor.

# COLLAPSE OF RUSSIA IS OVERCOME BY ENTENTE

The Hague, Aug. 2.—"We must admit that the entente has overcome the crisis caused by the collapse of Russia," says the Frankfurter Zeitung, in reviewing the war situation, according to a dispatch from Frankfurt today. The paper added: "It must be granted that the submarine campaign still leaves the situation tolerable for the entente."

# Tabulated Returns in County Judge and Sheriff's Race and Democratic Senatorial Primary.

WARDS.	JUDGE		SHERIFF		SENATOR	
	Conner	Cummings	Bass	Sears	Rye	Shields
First—1st Precinct	152	228			107	152
Second—2nd Precinct	122	208			95	160
Third	183	190	201	132	75	137
Fourth	75	98	104	38	33	84
Fifth	128	81	51	30	10	5
Sixth	99	163	173	45	71	99
Seventh—1st Precinct	69	115	116	45	40	99
Eighth—2nd Precinct	73	105	77	77	38	64
Ninth—1st Precinct	80	90			34	46
Tenth—2nd Precinct	55	115	135	19	21	58
Eleventh—1st Precinct	108	124	87	75	49	90
Twelfth—2nd Precinct	71	124	87	75	51	76
Thirteenth—1st Precinct	142	108	236	9	22	48
Fourteenth—2nd Precinct	157	119	138	112	78	48
Fifteenth—3rd Precinct	86	135	123	80	59	63
DISTRICTS.						
* Hill City	62	112	64	73	118	144
Stringer's	43	24			26	36
Gold Point	25	21	16	19	32	31
Fairmont	91	69	75	42	32	31
Hixon	41	18	40	13	11	17
Falling Water	121	62	64	64	24	15
Daisy	22	118	130	117	76	15
Horne's Store	53	6	13	38		
Mowbray	52	82	87	27	14	47
Alton Park	114	83	63	88	49	43
St. Elmo—1st Precinct	83	78	68	63	26	53
St. Elmo—2nd Precinct	19	89	75	22	43	21
Dudley's Shop	7	112			41	30
* Lookout Mountain	277	148	182	177	134	101
Wauhatchie	47	77			32	15
East Lake	45	75	54	33	57	12
East Side	26	35				
Sunnyside	51	40	32	44	21	39
Chickamauga	99	77	62	67	31	40
Mission Ridge	132	143	6	132	90	30
Avondale	88	83			78	15
East Chattanooga—1st Precinct	70	20	27	42	28	3
East Chattanooga—2nd Precinct	53	47	24	30	28	3
Bartlebaugh	158	46				
Tyner	69	43			12	11
Orchard Knob	157	54	84		37	10
Retro	15	60			7	16
Sale Creek						
Signal Mountain						
Totals	3,982	3,727	2,702	1,745	1,857	1,996

\* Conner's majority, 96.  
† Cummings' majority, 15.

# CROWE AND HAMPTON WIN NORTH OF RIVER

Justice of Peace Race Close, Except for Crow's Lead—The Vote by Precincts.

Keen interest centered in the contest for seats in the county court for the district lying north of the river. At noon today official returns had not been tabulated by the county election commission. Reports telephoned in to The News from all precincts north of the river give the victories to Will H. Crowe, with 1,349, and Walter Hampton, with 810. W. P. Hays runs third with a vote of 774. Ben Bush tails the ticket with 623.

# CAM BURNETT ELECTED SHERIFF RHEA COUNTY

(Special to The News.) Dayton, Aug. 2.—Incomplete but reliable returns of the election held in Rhea county shows a republican landslide. Cain Burnett was elected sheriff by a majority of 252. J. Ross Fletcher elected trustee by a majority of 125. J. M. Ballard, county court clerk, elected by a majority of 507. E. B. Ewing, democrat, elected circuit court clerk by a majority of 46.

W. W. Shields, register, elected by a majority of 175. Nine precincts out of fifteen in the democratic primary gave Rye 235. Shields 307. Roberts 257. Shropshire 25 and Peay 226. Floater for Rhea and Meigs counties, Poague 230, Abel 275. Frank L. Lynch carried the county over Raulston for circuit judge by a small majority. County court went republican by a small majority.

# NEW ENEMY OFFENSIVE IN ITALY IMPENDING

Washington, Aug. 2.—Another Austro-German offensive against Italy is impending, according to Swiss newspaper reports reaching the Italian embassy via Rome cables this afternoon.

The Swiss newspapers are unanimous in declaring the recent Austrian offensive a failure, despite attempts of the Austrian press to influence the neutral press with the idea that the Austrians were successful in their recent "drive."

The Italian headquarters, in an attempt to offset this enemy propaganda in neutral countries, is waging a vigorous campaign showing that the Italian counter offensive plans were carefully guarded months before the Austrian drive, and that with the co-operation of the British and the French the country stroke was a complete success.

# SHIELDS CARRIED McMinn By Only Fifty Votes

(Special to The News.) Charleston, Aug. 2.—McMinn county was carried by Senator Shields by a night margin. His majority will probably be about fifty votes. Roberts carried the county over Peay by a slightly better majority.

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# WATKINS DEFEATS M'MAHON IN WALK

T. D. Fletcher Claims Election, but Returns Fail to Sustain This Contention.

The race for the legislature, which was held separate from the county election, shows that Col. Ed Watkins is winner for the state senate over T. F. McMahon by a safe majority. It was understood that before the election had hardly begun Mr. McMahon conceded his defeat. A. L. Emerson, labor candidate for the lower house, leads the ticket and with only a few outside precincts out has a total vote of 2,344, while J. O. Martin finished second with 2,215 votes, and L. D. Miller third with 1,900. T. D. Fletcher, candidate for the lower house, is claiming his election, but the returns so far show that Mr. Miller has received 1,900 and Mr. Fletcher 1,727. This is the vote with the exception of the following yet to report in: Wauhatchie, Sunnyside, Chickamauga, Wootley, Bartlebaugh, Orchard Knob, Fairmont, Gold Point, Horne's store, Daisy, Mowbray and Retro. The legislative candidates are claiming that the vote by no means shows the strength of each candidate for the reason that a lot of voters did not understand the separate election of the primary from the county election and after casting their vote in the county election